

# 'Captain Fortune,' Wally King, TV Stars, Join in Fairyland Birthday Celebration

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The third anniversary of Lake-side Park's Children's Fairyland will include appearances of two television stars, officials of the observance said today.

Both "Captain Fortune" and Wally King of KPIX will take part in the week-long celebration, the Oakland Park Department said today.

King, master of ceremonies of "Kid's Capers," will select four of the most talented youngsters who have been on his show when he presents entertainment at Fairyland Saturday, September 5. He'll be accompanied by his 5-year-old son, Kenton, and Miss Edna Fischer, pianist, in a half-hour show for "Birthday" visitors.

"Captain Fortune" — who, beard and all, is Peter Abenheim, a KPIX producer, will be at the Child's Center Friday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Kicking off the week-long observance of the unique child's wonderland which has won international attention for Oakland will be a pageant and Mardi Gras at the Oakland Ball Park Tuesday, September 1, before the scheduled Oaks-Angels game.

Dr. Lester A. High of the Lake Merritt Breakfast Club is general chairman of the Mardi Gras affair and Sam W. Daugherty, Oakland Adult High School principal, is in charge of the pageant.

The Oakland Advertising Club is assisting in arrangements.

Tickets, which are available at

fire houses, barber shops, Rose and Andersen's Sporting Goods Store and at Breuner's and the Sherman, Clay and Company box offices, cost \$1.25. Proceeds from advance ticket sales will be used to build a puppet stage at Fairyland.

# Ad Club to Hear Talk by TV Expert

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"TV From the Inside—or Five Years in a Madhouse" is the title Peter (Captain Fortune) Abenheim has chosen for the talk he will give at the Advertising Club of Oakland's regular meeting tomorrow noon.

Abenheim, whose career began as a painter and has included magazine illustrating and writing and radio writing and acting, now is both producer and star of the "Captain Fortune" show.

Dorothy Manes, Children's Fairyland employee of the Oakland Park Department, will be chairman of the day. The meeting will be held in El Curtola

# Captain Fortune's Program Is on a New TV Schedule

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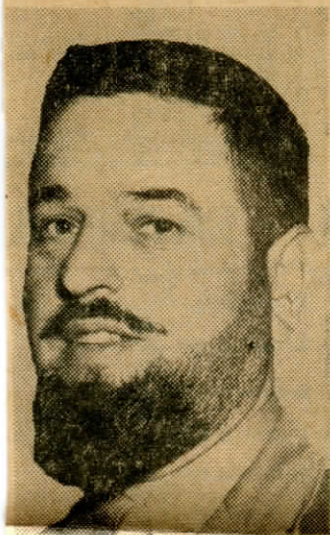
Youngsters in San Francisco's Chinatown call him "Ho Ho"—meaning "Good Good;" most of the Bay area's younger generation know him as "Captain Fortune;" to some of the older "kids" he's Peter Abenheim, PIO for the Sports Car Club of America.

Fortune's program, filled with animated cartoons and spiced with interviews of visiting sub-

cartooning—he studied at the California School of Fine Arts. And he's quite an amateur photographer.

He comes by his knack for handling children naturally. Pete and his wife, Marjorie, have two sons—Teddy, 6, and Danny, 2.

Some time this fall Fortune's program is slated to be extended to a full four hours. Let's hope the "Good Good" Captain is around for a long, long time to guide youngsters into that happy world of make-believe.



**CAPTAIN FORTUNE**  
They call him "Ho Ho"

teen groups by two lovable puppets who "live in a barrel," has moved to a new time slot. The long-time week-day favorite of the younger set is now seen from 8 to 10:45 a.m. each Saturday on KPIX.

His new program features a new word contest, "Watch the Birdie." Fortune shows an animated cartoon, then calls one of his young friends by phone and asks for the correct spelling of the word the cartoon features.

Captain Fortune, who's been with KPIX since the station first began telecasting, has an impressive background for his

dent Eisenhower will light the Nation's Christmas tree, back home at the White House (Channels 7, 8, 13)

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Peter Abenheim, whose non-seagoing Captain Fortune program has been a successful, sponsored children's feature on KPIX since August,

1951, will cast off for good, at least from KPIX, after the show on Saturday, Jan. 2, 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

KPIX announces that Abenheim's departure is on a most friendly basis. Abenheim informed this column he didn't feel he should agree to KPIX insistence that he sign up for five years more.

In whichever direction Captain Fortune sets sail after Jan. 2, this column wishes him "bon voyage."

# Capt. Fortune To Resume TV TR 5C JUN 24 1962 Role on KTVU

Peter Abenheim, whose children's shows during the decade of the '50s won him one Emmy Award and two nominations for the best children's show in Northern California, will host "Hobby Masters" on Channel 2 every Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., beginning July 7.

On his new show "Captain Fortune" will work with popular and special hobbyists. One Saturday each month he is planning on taking his viewers outside the Channel 2 studios in Jack London Square to compare his models with actual objects he will have arranged to be brought to the studio parking lot or harbor—Army tanks, Navy planes and ships, etc.

Abenheim, now a disc jockey (Poor Peter's Almanac) on KEWB radio from midnight to 6 a.m. Saturdays, produced the first live afternoon show in San Francisco, "Tell the Admiral," in 1949.